

Thomas Smith – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Thomas Smith was the third oldest son of Ralph Smith. He was the younger brother of Samuel and John Smith. He was born probably in the late 1640's in Hingham. He arrived in Eastham with the Smith family about 1654. John married Mary and settled in Eastham. They had several children. Thomas was active in Town affairs. He was chosen Constable in 1689 and he was chosen in 1691 to investigate illegal wood cutting on the Town Commons. Thomas died before his wife who died a widow in 1727. Thomas and Mary probably are buried in unmarked graves either in Eastham Cove Burying Ground or in Orleans Cemetery.

1695

Thomas Smith complained that the bounds markers of his land were decayed or lost. This was land which formerly was his father's land on the southerly side of Town Cove at Pochet. New bounds were set with stones marked T S. The dimensions indicate that about twelve acres were involved. PDF A155, M219, S60.

Granted to Thomas Smith land adjoining his land at Pochet which belonged to his father. Bounds were indicated with stones marked T S. The dimensions indicate the grant was about two acres. PDF A155, M219.

Granted to Thomas Smith the liberty to fence his land on the south side of Town Cove at Pochet with the provision that he leave open the old cartway that went through land that Thomas bought from his brother Daniel. PDF A155, M220, P72, S61.

1703

Granted to Thomas Smith, Samuel Paine and Samuel Treat and their heirs two parcels of meadow which were the fourteenth and fifteenth lots on the Middle Flat of the Town Flats. The two parcels were next to lots of Edmund Freeman and Jabez Walker. The dimensions of the two adjoining lots indicate there was a total of about eight acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A279, M166, S51.

1711

Granted to Thomas Smith, Ralph Smith, John Smith, Maziah Harding, John Mulford and Beniah Snow the twenty-second lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. Dimensions were not given in the record but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. PDF T90.

Granted to Thomas Smith and his heirs two parcels of land totaling about four acres. One and one-half acres were on the southwest side of his other land by his house and next to the Cove and next to land of William Merrick. Thomas was required to keep open a cartway from the highway down to the Cove. The second parcel of about two and one-half acres adjoined the first parcel. Bounds of both parcels were indicated by stones in the ground. PDF T159.

Granted to Thomas Smith and his heirs about four acres at Rock Harbor Neck. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T159.

Granted to Thomas Smith and his heirs a wood lot of about six acres located between the way to Blackfish Creek and the way to Silver Spring and next to land of Jabez Snow. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T159.

1715

Granted to Thomas Smith and his heirs a wood lot on the east side of the way to Billingsgate and next to the lot of John Cole. The lot was sixteen pole wide and ran east to the Backside Sea probably about one mile for a total of about thirty-two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T268.

Thomas Smith purchased from agents of the proprietors two parcels of land for two pounds and five shillings. One parcel was adjoining his other land at the harbor mouth neck. The other parcel adjoined his meadow on the southerly side of the mouth of the Boat Meadow. The size of the parcels was not given but each parcel probably was at least one acre. The parcels were for Thomas Smith and his heirs. PDF T307.

1745

Land granted in 1703 to Thomas Smith, Israel Cole and William Merrick on the Great Nauset Flat in the Common Meadow became partly destroyed by being buried with sand. The Town amended the 1703 grant to include meadow ground on the Nauset Flat next to land of John Smith, deceased. The dimensions indicate the added meadow was about two and one-half acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T347.

The land owned by Thomas Smith and his heirs described in these records amounts to about sixty-five acres. By 1745 twenty-five more Smiths were found in these records to have received Eastham land grants.